

# MEXICO A FOURTH AS LARGE AS U. S.

Interesting Facts About Republic in the South.

POPULATION IS 15,000,000.

Nation Covers 767,000 Square Miles. City of Mexico 264 Miles by Rail West of Vera Cruz and is 7,400 Feet Above Sea Level—Reached by Two Different Railway Lines.

Washington.—The following information concerning Mexico was given out by the National Geographic society in Washington the other day:

It is interesting to note that the area of Mexico is practically as great as that of the United States between the Mississippi river and the Atlantic coast, the great lakes and the Gulf of Mexico, varying in altitude from sea level to 18,000 feet. Its climate is affected by these elevations and by a range of eighteen degrees of latitude. Twelve hundred miles is the distance traversed in passing south from Juarez, on the northern boundary, to the capital, and 900 miles more to the southeastern boundary. The Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean sea coast line extends for 1,700 miles, while the Pacific ocean and Gulf of California touch 4,800 miles of Mexican coast.

Prior to 1833 Mexico, as a Spanish colony, and the United States covered approximately equal areas, but the Texas secession and the result of the Mexican war added nearly 1,000,000 square miles to our territory, and the extent of Mexico now is less than one-fourth that of continental United States. Mexico has still territorial expanse equal to the aggregate of Austria-Hungary, Germany, France, Great Britain and Ireland. The total area of the republic, 767,000 square miles, is less than that of Texas, California, Montana, New Mexico and Arizona combined.

The average density of population of Mexico approximates twenty per square mile, the most thickly populated portions outside of the federal districts being the states of Tlaxcala and Mexico, the former being less than Delaware in size and of about the same density of population, and the latter being nearly as large as New Hampshire, but with more than twice the number of inhabitants. The federal district, modeled after the District of Columbia, but of eight times greater area, is surrounded by the state of Mexico, the large population of the capital, 470,000, materially aiding in bringing the average to more than 1,200 per square mile.

During nearly 300 years subsequent to the conquest by Cortes Spain dominated Mexico. A century ago a bold effort for freedom was started, which eventually resulted in the republic of Mexico of today. More than half of the first century of Mexican independence was abortive, one coterie after another coming into temporary power and a number of those acclaimed rulers, after brief regimes, meeting ignominious death at the hands of the people they sought to govern.

The form of government adopted by Mexico follows in general that of the United States, having executive, judicial and legislative divisions. Each of the twenty-seven states is represented in two houses of congress, composed of senators and deputies. Congress holds two sessions each year for limited periods. Each state has its governor and legislature and is subdivided into districts or counties, over each of which a "jefe politico" is placed, the districts having subsidiary municipalities, with magistrates, presiding officials and councils. The so-called autocratic feature of the government may be largely due to the fact that governors hold office with approval of the president, that jefe politico has similar relations with the governor and that the officers of the municipalities are generally controlled by the jefe politico.

The church and state are independent, and congress cannot pass laws prohibiting or establishing any religion. Of the 16,000,000 inhabitants two-fifths claim descent from ancient tribes or families which are accepted as the basis of Mexican history, two-fifths are of native and foreign blood, the remainder being classed under the common appellation of "foreign."

The City of Mexico, 264 miles by rail west of Vera Cruz and 7,400 feet altitude, is reached by two rail routes, climbing through the hot lands through difficult mountain passes, one of which closely follows the trail taken by Cortes in 1519, by General Winfield Scott with American troops in 1847 and over which, fifteen years later, the invading French troops passed. It is the most populous city.

Sparrow Sets Fire to a Barn. St. Paul, Minn.—A sparrow that discovered a way to warm its toes during a recent cold snap is blamed for the destruction of a barn belonging to L. O. Walden of Wilmington, Houston county. A report on the fire received by State Fire Marshal C. E. Keller says that the sparrow plucked a live ember from a bonfire and carried it to its nest in the eaves of the Walden barn. The ember set fire to the nest, and the fire destroyed the barn with a loss of \$1,350.

## People in the News

McKee Rankin, veteran actor, died at San Francisco.

George Alfred Townsend, well known as a journalist, died at New York. He wrote under the pen name of "Gath."

Application for the parole of Abe Ruef probably will be presented to the California prison board at the May meeting.

Mayor H. H. Rose of Los Angeles engaged in a fist fight on the street as a result of an alleged insult offered Mrs. Rose when she declined to sign a petition for her husband's recall.

Charles S. Mellen, ex-president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, may become the active head of a federated body supreme among the various organizations of the United States with which 2,000,000 employees are affiliated.

Important changes among the highest officers of the army took place Wednesday, when Major General Leonard Wood's term of duty as chief of staff expired. General Wood was succeeded as chief of staff by Major General William Wotherspoon, and Brigadier General Hugh L. Scott became assistant chief of staff. General Wood will have command of the eastern department.

## Brief News of the Week

The English house of lords rejected woman suffrage by a vote of 104 to 60.

Secretary Lane will appear at Tacoma June 15 to 17 to meet delegations of the Indians for the purpose of considering their condition.

Abe Ruef, now serving sentence in San Quentin, Cal., has made another application for a pardon. Former request had been denied.

The Haitian government paid the claim of \$62,000 to a British subject, whose sawmill had been destroyed during the Leconte revolution. Britain had delivered an ultimatum.

Anthony Caminetti, commissioner-general of immigration at Washington, has decided to be a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor of California.

The \$50,000 bronze statue erected in Franklin park in the national capital in honor of the memory of Commodore John Barry, one of the early heroes of the United States navy, is to be unveiled Saturday with elaborate exercises.

More than 700 Methodist pastors will be employed by the church in the prohibition campaign in California, Oregon and Washington, according to plans completed and announced at Topeka, Kan., by Dr. Clarence True Wilson, general secretary of the Temperance society of the Methodist Episcopal church.

## MEXICAN NEWS NOTES

Oil men have asked the department at Washington to furnish protection for their interests in the Tampico district.

By order of Huerta, lighthouse service on the west coast of Mexico has been abandoned, and the coast is in darkness at night.

Dictator Huerta is said to have protested against the extension of General Funston's lines at Vera Cruz. Services in honor of the American bluejackets and marines who were killed at Vera Cruz were held at New York Sunday. President Wilson attended the services and delivered an address.

The Brazilian ambassador in Mexico notified the state department at Washington that American Acting Consul Bonney and wife have arrived safely at Mexico City from San Luis Potosi. Major Manuel Cabillero, paymaster of the constitutional army of the Rio Grande, was caught below Laredo by the United States border patrol and interned at Fort McIntosh. Violation of the neutrality laws are claimed.

The hospital ship Solace, with wounded marines on board, has been ordered by Secretary of the Navy Daniels to sail from Vera Cruz to New York. Climatic changes, it is expected, will hasten the recovery of the patients.

Speaking before a cheering crowd that greeted his entrance into Torreon, General Carranza declared the success of the constitutionalists had been due in a large measure to the friendly attitude of the United States.

The tension over the Mexican situation was relieved by the action of a German steamship company in refusing to land at Puerto Mexico a cargo of munitions consigned to General Huerta.

Lockout Ordered in San Francisco. San Francisco.—A deadlock exists between organized labor and the Building Trades Employers' association, and it is predicted, all building operations in San Francisco will cease, with the exception of work on the Panama-Pacific Exposition structures. The general lockout was ordered by the associated employers on the refusal of union painters to call off the strike for higher wages in effect for a month. Between 12,000 and 15,000 trade artisans are involved.

## ATTACKED BY WILDCAT.

Animal Killed in Air as It Leaped on Shoulders of Warden.

Bangor, Me.—The life of Game Warden E. S. Hodgkins was saved recently in the woods near here by the quickness and unerring aim of William Ryer, proprietor of a set of sporting camps at Hound Brook lake. The two men had been hunting wildcats with dogs and had killed two of the animals. They were standing under a tree when Mr. Ryer chanced to look upward.

Perched on a branch directly above the game warden was another cat, as large again as either of those that had been killed. The animal was creeping slowly forward, his lips drawn back over his glittering teeth and the look of a demon on his savage face. Just as Ryer's eye caught the cat the animal gave a start and leaped full for Warden Hodgkins, still unconscious of his danger. Ryer, shouting a hasty cry of warning, whipped his 38 caliber revolver from his holster and fired while the cat was in the air. The bullet struck the animal between the eyes, and he dropped dead.

"It was the closest call I ever had, and I never want another like it," Warden Hodgkins said in telling of the affair.

## SURGEONS MAKE AN EYELID.

Patient Had Been Burned About the Head When a Child.

Baltimore.—A rare operation in optical surgery was performed at a hospital here when three large pieces of skin were taken from the arm of Miss Sarah Trego to make a new lid for her left eye. It is thought the sight of the eye, which was rapidly failing on account of exposure, will be saved by the operation. Already the grafted skin has started to take root, and the patient can partly open and close the eyelid.

After the skin was taken from Miss Trego's arm the scarred tissue surrounding the eye and the membrane of the lid were removed. In the denuded area the skin of the patient's arm was grafted.

## BROKE LAST YEAR, NOW WORTH \$83,000

Borrows \$6, Goes to Alaska and Makes Fortune.

Portland, Ore.—Dead broke less than a year ago and working at odd jobs cleaning basements and yards in this city and now worth \$83,000, all of which was secured through his own efforts, is the experience of W. B. Connell, an Alaska miner.

To H. A. Davis, deputy city attorney of this city, is largely due much of the credit for the good fortune which has befallen the lucky miner. Connell came to Davis last July with the story that he knew Judge Davis, the local attorney's father, who was formerly a judge in British Columbia. He had a hard luck story and pleaded for work. Davis gave him some odd jobs cleaning the yard and basement in his home, for which he paid the man \$2.

After the work was completed the stranger asked for \$6 for railway fare to Seattle, from which place he intended to go to Alaska. The man appeared to be honest, and he gave Connell \$6.

That was the last heard of the man until a few days ago, when he received a letter written from the White Horse river, Yukon territory. Connell said that he had reached Alaska and had gone to the Chisna gold fields and there had located on three claims.

"I have sold the three claims," writes Connell, "to a New York syndicate for \$83,000—\$12,000 cash, \$40,000 in three months and the remainder in six months. So, taking everything into consideration, I have not done so awfully bad since last July, when I was flat broke. I shall certainly make it my business to visit Portland and see you and your family. I have a notion to quit the mining game, as \$83,000 will keep me if I use it as it should be used."

"By the way, I have a couple of nuggets to send you and your wife and also one for your sister. I often thought of you and Mrs. Davis. She was very kind to me when I was cleaning out your basement. This is a real happening in a miner's life—broke one day and plenty of money the next."

Concluding his letter, Connell said the Chisna country was no place for a poor man, because all the claims were staked and prices of everything are "sky high."

## HAS KEY TO ALL LANGUAGES.

French Teacher Invents System of International Correspondence.

Paris.—A teacher named J. Orsat has invented an ingenious system of international correspondence. Every word in the French language is referred to by a number, and a corresponding number is given to the same word in all other languages.

Thus a merchant desiring to write to a foreign customer need only turn the words of his own language into numbers, and the customer can retranslate the numbers into the words of his language. Dictionaries based on this system in all tongues are being prepared.

M. David, the minister of commerce, has given his approbation to the idea. M. Orsat does not believe in the practicality of a spoken universal language.

## Notice of Sale of State Lands.

Notice is hereby given that the State Land Board of the State of Oregon will receive sealed bids until 10 o'clock a. m. July 14, 1914, for the following described lands, to-wit:

Section 36, T. 13 S. R. 42 E.  
S½ of NE¼, NE¼ of NW¼, N¼ of SE¼, S¼ of SW¼ and lots 1, 2 and 4 of Section 16, T. 16 S. R. 40 E.

Sections 16 and 36, T. 32 S. R. 43 E.  
Sections 16 and 36, T. 32 S. R. 44 E.  
Sections 16 and 36, T. 33 S. R. 44 E.  
Sections 16 and 36, T. 33 S. R. 45 E.  
Sections 16 and 36, T. 34 S. R. 45 E.  
Sections 16 and 36, T. 35 S. R. 44 E.  
Sections 16 and 36, T. 36 S. R. 45 E.  
S½ of section 16, all of section 36, T. 36 S. R. 46 E.

Sections 16 and 36, T. 36 S. R. 47 E.  
Sections 16 and 36, T. 36 S. R. 48 E.  
Sections 16 and 36, T. 37 S. R. 44 E.  
Sections 16 and 36, T. 37 S. R. 45 E.  
Sections 16 and 36, T. 37 S. R. 46 E.  
Sections 16 and 36, T. 37 S. R. 48 E.

All bids must be accompanied by a regularly executed application to purchase and check or draft for at least one-fifth of the amount of the bid. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

Application and bids should be addressed to G. G. Brown, clerk state land board, Salem, Oregon, and marked "Application and bid to purchase state lands."

G. G. BROWN,  
Clerk State Land Board.

Dated May 1, 1914. St

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## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Vale, Oregon, April 30, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that Rowley Robinson, of Ontario, Oregon, who on May 13, 1910 made homestead entry No. 01311, for SW¼ NW¼, NW¼ SW¼ Sec. 24, NE¼ SE¼, SE¼ NE¼ Section 23, Township 17 S., Range 46 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office at Vale, Oregon, on the 11th day of June, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses: S. D. Moore, H. S. Sutton, of Ontario, Oregon; John T. Taylor, Rolan Hall, of Payette, Idaho.

Bruce R. Kester, Register.

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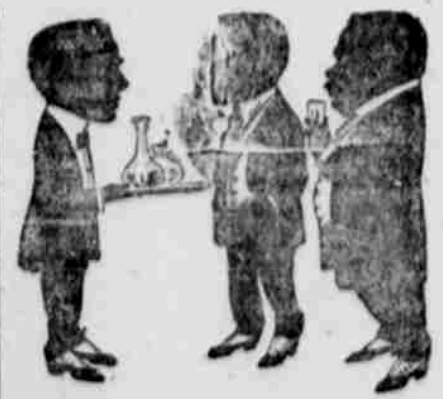
## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Vale, Oregon, April 30, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that Stephen D. Moore, of Ontario, Oregon, who on August 30, 1910, made Homestead Entry No. 01537, for SE¼ SE¼ Sec. 23, SW¼ SW¼ Sec. 24, NW¼ NW¼ Sec. 25 and NE¼ NE¼ Section 26, Township 17 S., Range 46 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office at Vale, Oregon, on the 11th day of June, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses: Rowley Robinson, A. Jaquish, H. W. Clement, and C. Trousdale, of Ontario, Oregon.

Bruce R. Kester, Receiver.



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## Local Market Report.

Corrected Apr. 30, for the benefit of Argus readers by the Malheur Mer-

cantile Company.  
Eggs, per dozen 17½c.  
Butter, per pound 25c.  
Oats, per hundred \$1.50  
Wheat, per hundred \$1.75.  
Hay, per ton, \$8.  
Potatoes, per hundred, 1.00  
Onions, per hundred, \$2.00.  
Apples, per box, \$1.00. to \$1.50  
Chickens, dressed, per pound, 18c.  
Pork, dressed, 8½ to 9½c.  
Pork, live, 6.50 to 7  
Veal, 9 to 10c.  
Beef 11c to 12c